

**REMARKS**

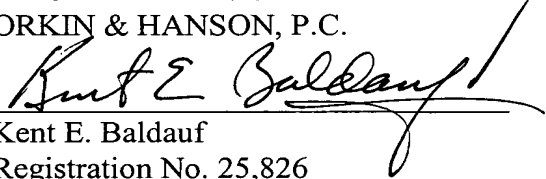
Claim 1 has been amended to include the weight ratio of silica to at least one inorganic oxide other than silica. Support for the amendment is found on page 6, line 19 and page 14, lines 2 and 25 of the specification.

Examination and allowance of pending claim 1 is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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### MARKED UP AMENDED CLAIM 1

1. (Thrice Amended) An inorganic compound sol comprising a dispersion medium having a dielectric constant of from 10 to 85 and, dispersed therein, inorganic compound particulates having average particle size from about 11 to about 30 nm whose surface has been modified by an organic compound which is selected from the class consisting of vinylsilane compounds, acrylsilane compounds, epoxysilane compounds, aminosilane compounds,  $\gamma$ -mercaptopropyltrimethoxysilane and  $\gamma$ -chloropropyltrimethoxysilane, exhibiting a molecular polarizability of from  $2 \times 10^{-40}$  to  $850 \times 10^{-40} \text{ C}^2\text{m}^2\text{J}^{-1}$ , wherein the inorganic compound particulates are composite oxide particulates composed of silica and at least one inorganic oxide other than silica, with the weight ratio of silica to at least one inorganic oxide other than silica being 3 to 500.